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**DRIVING THE DAY** — President **Donald Trump** heads from Brussels to London and Oxfordshire today, for his first visit to the U.K. since taking office. While in Oxfordshire, Trump will attend a gala dinner at the Blenheim Palace hosted by Prime Minister **Theresa May**.

**LET'S GET TOGETHER:** The team of negotiators that will hammer out differences between the House and Senate versions of the three-bill spending package, [H.R. 5895 \(115\)](#), is set to meet this afternoon. The Senate on Wednesday named its conferees, while the House agreed in late June to its gaggle of conference delegates, [Jennifer Scholtes reports](#).

**Smooth-ish sailing:** "Having chosen some of the least controversial of the 12 annual funding bills to pass first, legislators have few major policy disputes to resolve during the conference and are not far apart on topline funding levels or agency-specific allocations," Jen writes. The spending bundle would fund the departments of Energy and Veterans Affairs, along with the legislative branch, Capitol Police, military construction and water projects. Follow along [here](#).

**HAPPY THURSDAY AND WELCOME TO DAY AHEAD!** Send thoughts and tips to [kburton@politico.com](mailto:kburton@politico.com) ([@knicoleburton](https://twitter.com/knicoleburton)).



Attorney General Jeff Sessions addresses the opioid crisis. | Toya Sarno Jordan/Getty Images

## HOUSE FLOOR

The House meets at noon for legislative business. First votes are expected from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. and last votes are expected from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Members will consider two bills: [H.R. 6237 \(115\)](#), a two-year intelligence authorization bill, and [H.R. 3281 \(115\)](#), which would provide for certain transfers of reclamation project or facility titles to non-federal ownership (h/t [Morning Energy](#)).

## SENATE FLOOR

The Senate is in at 10 a.m., when lawmakers will resume consideration of the **Paul Ney's** nomination to be general counsel for the Defense Department.

## MARKUP SPOTLIGHT

### TODAY:

— 10 a.m. House Ways Means continues its markup of various health care bills, including [H.R. 4616 \(115\)](#), which would delay the Affordable Care Act's so-called Cadillac tax on high-cost health insurance by another year and provide retroactive relief from Obamacare's employer mandate, as Aaron Lorenzo [writes](#). 1100 Longworth.

- 10 a.m. House Energy and Commerce markup of 14 bills. One measure, H. Res. 982 (115), would direct HHS Secretary **Alex Azar** to give Congress information on the separation of migrant children from their parents as a result of Trump's zero tolerance border policy. 2123 Rayburn.
- 10 a.m. House Veterans' Affairs meeting to assign new members to a new subcommittee and mark up 10 bills. H.R. 2409 (115) would let service members to terminate their cable, satellite television and internet contracts while they're deployed. 334 Cannon.
- 10 a.m. Senate Judiciary markup of S. 2946 (115), which would clarify the meaning of certain terms relating to terrorism, and nine judicial nominations. 226 Dirksen.
- 2 p.m. House Foreign Affairs subcommittee markup of a resolution, H. Res. 981 (115), that would condemn the "violence, persecution, intimidation, and murders committed by the Government of Nicaragua against its citizens." 2172 Rayburn.

## COMMITTEE HEARINGS

### TODAY:

- 10 a.m. House Financial Services hearing on the state of the international financial system with Treasury Secretary **Steven Mnuchin**. 2128 Rayburn.
- 10 a.m. House Judiciary and House Oversight joint hearing on the FBI and Justice Department's actions surrounding the 2016 election. Embattled FBI counterintelligence agent **Peter Strzok** will testify. Strzok was "removed last August from special counsel **Robert Mueller**'s investigation into Russian contacts with the Trump campaign after Justice's inspector general found stridently anti-Trump text messages Strzok exchanged with an FBI attorney, Lisa Page," Josh Gerstein explained last month. 2118 Rayburn.
- 10 a.m. Senate Foreign Relations hearing on tariffs. Lawmakers and trading partners have recently raised concerns over Trump's latest steps to slap tariffs on an additional \$200 billion in Chinese goods, Megan Cassella and Doug Palmer report. 419 Dirksen.
- 10 a.m. Senate Energy and Natural Resources hearing on interstate delivery networks for natural gas and electricity. 366 Dirksen.
- 10 a.m. Senate Banking hearing on credit bureaus and the Fair Credit Reporting Act. 538 Dirksen.

## POTUS HAPPENINGS

8:40 a.m. (ET) Trump and **Melania Trump** arrive in London.

9 a.m. (ET) Trump and Melania Trump participate in a meet and greet at the U.S. embassy.

2:25 p.m. (ET) Trump and Melania Trump arrive in Oxfordshire, England.

2:40 p.m. (ET) Trump and Melania Trump arrive at Blenheim Palace.

2:45 p.m. (ET) Trump and Melania Trump participate in an arrival ceremony

3:15 p.m. (ET) Trump and Melania Trump attend a gala dinner.

5:35 p.m. (ET) Trump and Melania Trump arrive in London.

## VPOTUS DIGEST

11 a.m. Vice President **Mike Pence** participates in a series of local interviews. Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

## ON THE HORIZON

### CAMPAIGNS

**MR. FIX IT:** "Vice President Mike Pence begins a campaign swing through the Midwest on Wednesday designed to fire up the base in three battleground House districts. But there's also a secondary mission: damage control," Natasha Korecki writes. "In the face of a trade war that intensified just four days ago, Pence is quietly setting up one-on-one meetings with major Midwestern donors where he is prepared to blunt concerns over an escalating situation that's beginning to wreak havoc on markets, farmers and employers across the region."

### EMPLOYMENT

**DUE DATE PUSHED:** Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) is waiting until early next week to roll out his paid family leave bill, which he originally planned to introduce today or Friday, Ian Kullgren reports. The change-up came after Rubio, along with Sens. Mike Lee (R-Utah) and Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), met Tuesday with **Ivanka Trump** at the White House to discuss the legislation. The bill would allow people to borrow from Social Security to take time off work when they have a child. And in exchange, their Social Security benefits would be delayed when they retire.

### TECHNOLOGY

**UNDER PRESSURE:** Democrats and left-leaning groups are ratcheting up pressure on House Republicans over net neutrality, John Hendel reports. They hope to sway enough GOP lawmakers to force a floor vote on a measure that would restore the FCC's net neutrality rules. So far, however, not one House Republican has taken the bait.

**Behind their push :** "There's tremendous pressure that's going to be put on Republicans not to sign," said Rep. **Mike Doyle**, the Pennsylvania Democrat leading the House effort. "I think that only gets undone if they feel even more pressure from their constituents back home."

## FOR THE ROAD

### WHERE IN THE WORLD IS TRUMP'S CABINET?:

— 2 p.m. Attorney General **Jeff Sessions** delivers remarks on the opioid crisis in Concord, N.H.

### ON THE CALENDAR:

— 8 a.m. House Speaker **Paul Ryan** headlines a chat at the Economic Club.

— 8:30 a.m. The conservative American Enterprise Institute holds a discussion on criminal justice reform with Reps. **Hakeem Jeffries** (D-N.Y.) and **Doug Collins** (R-Ga.). Jeffries and Collins backed a bipartisan prison reform bill, H.R. 5682 (115), that easily passed the House in May.

— 8:30 a.m. Reps. **Alcee Hastings** (D-Fla.) and **Vern Buchanan** (R-Fla.) host a meeting of Florida's congressional delegation on the 2018 hurricane season.

— 10 a.m. Congress' budget reform panel holds a hearing on the appropriations process.

*Check out POLITICO Pro's calendar for additional committee activity, events and more.*

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